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BASKETBALL PROSPECTS BRIGHT

The prospects for a successful basketball season are the brightest they have been in many years. Twenty-five men reported to Coach Love for practice December 1st, among them five of last year's six letter men.

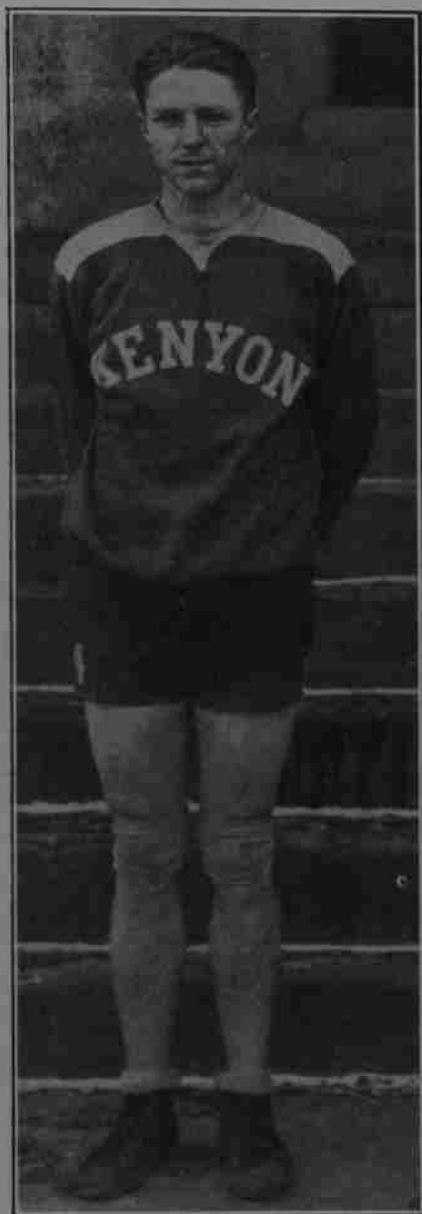
A brief resume of last season may not be out of order at this time. One the whole, the season may be said to have been successful. A glance at the percentage column might indicate, perhaps, that it was not. However, when one stops to think of the two very decisive victories over Baldwin-Wallace and Denison, two teams which were undefeated up to that time and which came to Gambier undoubtedly anticipating easy victory, one has a certain feeling of satisfaction. The results during the early part of the season were not what we had hoped, but it can easily be seen that the team improved greatly before the close, under the capable leadership of Captain "Bud" Evans.

The men on whom the Coach is depending to represent Kenyon in the conference this season are Captain "Bert" Lewis, stellar guard of last year, "Bud" Evans, guard, Al. Corey, Ed. Stansfield, Gale Evans, and Harold Peters, forwards, and Clayton Van Epps, star of last year's freshman team, center. Other promising members of the squad are Young, Lyman, Furniss, Phleger, Corns, Gregg, and French, and Harris.

Several early victories have given the team the degree of confidence necessary to win, and prospects for the 1924-1925 season appear very bright. The squad, under the able tutelage of our local mentor, Coach Love, and under the piloting of our Captain "Bert" Lewis should come through with flying colors.

WORLEY NEW FOOTBALL CAPTAIN

The annual Football Banquet was held December 18th at the Woodland Inn. Members of the squad, Coaches Wiper, Love, Hamilton, and Harris, coach of the freshman team, and Doctors Reeves and Walton were present. Short speeches were made by Dr. Reeves and Coach Wiper, and by Captain Hovorka and Captain-elect Worley. A pleasant spirit of equality was maintained between Faculty and Students, and all united in enjoying a delicious dinner.



Captain "Burt" Lewis

BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

- Dec. 15—Ashland at Gambier.
- Dec. 19—Muskingum at Gambier.
- Jan. 9—Cincinnati at Cincinnati.
- Jan. 10—Miami at Oxford.
- Jan. 16—Baldwin-Wallace at Berea.
- Jan. 17—Reserve at Cleveland.
- Jan. 24—Otterbein at Gambier.
- Feb. 7—Baldwin-Wallace at Gambier (3 p. m.)
- Feb. 10—Mt. Union at Alliance.
- Feb. 14—Miami at Gambier.
- Feb. 20—Wittenberg at Springfield.
- Feb. 21—Ohio University at Athens.
- Feb. 27—Ohio University at Gambier.
- Feb. 28—Muskingum at New Concord.
- Mar. 2—Otterbein at Westerville.
- Mar. 6—Hiram at Gambier.

Through E. M. Anderson, '14, of Chicago, Illinois, notice was received of the death of Samuel M. T. Johnson, class of 1876. Mr. Johnson died November 26, 1923.

NOTED CHESS AND CHECKER PLAYER GIVES DEMONSTRATION HERE

Uncanny Power of Concentration

Those who, prompted by interest in either chess or checkers or lead by idle curiosity, were in W. Wing Bull's Eye, were amazed to witness the remarkable powers of concentration of Mr. Newell Banks, when he played, blindfold, two games of checkers and one of Chess simultaneously. Puffing calmly on a big, black cigar, Mr. Banks made considerable impression on the spectators in announcing his plays such as, "Checkerboard number 1, 29-25," or "Checkerboard number 2, jump back," or—on the chess board—"Queen's bishop back to king's second." The two checker defenders were both defeated in less than half an hour and the chess game was called after some twenty moves, as Mr. Banks asserted that the game, if played out, would probably end in a draw at two or three o'clock in the morning. Hunter Kellenberger, who was putting up an admirable defense with the Gioco Piano, was, nevertheless, relieved at Bank's decision.

Previous to the blindfold games, Mr. Banks had played twelve games of chess and checkers simultaneously and had well demonstrated his ability as a master of both. To the surprise of everyone, Freshman Wilson succeeded in securing a checkmate from the champion.

Newell Banks is the champion checker player of the United States and among the ten best chess players. He has visited Kenyon once or twice before. From his appearance now, one would judge that he must have been a mere lad at that time.

The exhibition was held under the auspices of the local Chess Club. The visit of the champion was secured through the efforts of Dr. Walton, a member of the Club, and a personal acquaintance of Mr. Banks.

FOOTBALL K's

In the meeting of the Executive Committee on December 18th, football K's were voted to the following men: Hovorka, Dickson, Rybak, Young, Norris, Worley, Overmeyer, Van Epps, Peters, Rowe, Mulvey, Corey, and Manager Thebaud.

Walter Rice was elected football manager for next year, and Arndt and Fitch Junior managers.

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KENYON LEADS OHIO CONFERENCE

KENYON-ASHLAND

Kenyon successfully opened the basketball season by defeating the Ashland College quintet 25-21 in a fast non-conference game at Rosse Hall, December 13th. The team showed up well in the first game, leading all the way. With five letter men back from last year's team and the captain of the last year's freshman team, Kenyon showed a smooth working outfit that should do much damage to the contenders for the conference title. Van Epps led the scoring with four field goals.

KENYON-MUSKINGUM

In the first conference game of the season Kenyon took over the Muskingum five 35-20 in one of the roughest games seen in Rosse Hall for some time. The game was marked by the close guarding of both teams. Kenyon was the more successful with long shots, and by this means was able to run up the score. Van Epps made fourteen of the points while Corey was a close second with thirteen. Coach

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THE MID-SEMESTER DANCE

Extensive preparations for the mid-semester dance are now in full blast. As every one knows, this banner event will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday evenings, February 3rd and 4th respectively. This so spaces the dance as to make it occur during the pleasant interval between the end of the examination period and the beginning of the second semester of our yearly travail. The men are urged to attend, for it has become a matter of great consternation among the older men in college that the Kenyon dances no longer seem to have the support of the student body. Everybody, at one time or another, has bewailed the fact that the dances are drooping in quality. In the old days everyone attended; recently the crowd has represented only a handful of the men in college. The mid-semester dance committee assures the student body that there will be a treat in store for all present. The price scale has been altered, making the tax \$6.00 for the formal, \$4.00 for the informal. The committee urges those men who intend to invite people not now enrolled in the college to make the customary arrangements for invitations with the president, Dr. Peirce.

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**THE NEW
PRETZEL-BENDER**

Kenyon's tottering Commons has been recently jacked up by the securing of Mrs. Lena Speice (pronounced Speeces), B. S. Home Economics, Ohio State, who has of late been managing Y. W. C. A. cafeterias in the flourishing and gastronomically active municipalities of Baltimore, Md., and Denver, Colo. Mrs. Speice is taking the place long filled by that favorite of Kenyon men, Miss Carroll. The Collegian feels that under the watchful eye of Mrs. Speice, the Kenyon personell will be a sleek, well-fed aggregation by June. One automatically pictures, in this connection, a student body in which Bissell and McGowan—assuming that their respective displacements do not change during the intervening months—will appear as wraiths, although that metaphor is none too neatly turned. When interviewed, Mrs. Speice said, to employ her own words, "My aim is to please all some of the time." She very neatly terminated the interview by quoting to us, from her own voluminous metrical output, the following:

"We can live without poetry,
music and books,

But a civilized man cannot live
without cooks!"

We might add, in closing, that Mrs. Speice is very partial to having the front door of the Commons closed at all times.

SENIOR CLASS ELECTIONS

Due to carelessness of the editor, the results of the election of officers for the Senior class have never been published. We print them now as a matter of record, not as news.

F. A. Wade, President.

J. C. Broder, Vice-President.

S. M. Fullwood, Secretary.

**REGAINS HEALTH
VERY SLOWLY**

The men in College suffered a great loss when Miss Elizabeth Carroll was suddenly stricken with a very severe and complicated form of appendicitis. She was taken to the Mercy Hospital in Mount Vernon on the 18th of October and was operated on the same day. For some time her condition was extremely critical, but she has been steadily improving in the last few weeks.

As Manager of the Commons Miss Carroll has devoted herself entirely to the welfare of the students, and by her generous and unselfish service she has gained a high place in the hearts of all Kenyon men. The College has been indeed fortunate to have had a woman of the calibre of Miss Carroll in charge of the Commons, and now that she is absent the extent of her work there is vastly more appreciated.

We all hope that her recovery will be complete and speedy.

The College Choir made the first trip of the year on Sunday afternoon, November 9. They sang the Vesper Service in the quaint old stone church of St. John's at Delaware, Ohio. Frank Sant, Kenyon, '21, Bexley, '23, the rector of the parish, had made careful preparations for the entertainment of the choir. After the service, which went off smoothly in spite of the failure of the organ at a critical moment, the young ladies of his parish served an informal dinner. The choir sang Kenyon songs throughout the meal, including "28." Two serenades at the request of the Dean of Women of Ohio Wesleyan for the inmates of the girl's dormitories and a cold ride home completed a pleasant trip.

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KENYON LEADS OHIO CONFERENCE

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Love put in almost the entire squad, and the men all showed up well.

During the Christmas vacation Coach Love took the basketball team on a barnstorming trip through the state and the team was able to win four out of five games. In Toledo, St. Johns University was met and defeated 21-18. The next game was with the Hoover-Rowlands team of Fostoria which suffered a 30-18 setback at the hands of the Purple five. The next team to lose to the Kenyon quintet was the Croghan Guards of Fremont who were left at the short end of a 40-17 count. The last game of the trip was lost to the News outfit at Mansfield after Kenyon had been able to keep the score even for three periods. The game ended 31-36. As a whole, the trip was very successful and the team came back to Gambier with enough experience and confidence to start the long string of conference games.

KENYON-CINCINNATI

Kenyon administered a 21-19 defeat to the University of Cincinnati January 9th, after being behind for three quarters of the game. The Purple seemed unable to find the basket, and early in the game Cincinnati had a lead of about ten points to Kenyon's three. The half ended with Cincinnati twelve and Kenyon five. In the second half things took a different turn. Point by point the Purple slowly gained and finally passed the lead of the Cincinnatians who were beginning to get dazed before the brilliant floorwork and shooting of the invaders. The score saw-sawed back and forth with first one team leading by one point and then the other. The Kenyon followers groaned when the time-keeper's gun broke up the game for a minute with Cincinnati leading 19-18, but it was

only to enable him to put in a substitute. Kenyon scored three points in the remaining few minutes of play, while their opponents were held scoreless. Captain Lewis played a stellar game for the Purple.

KENYON-MIAMI

January 10th. Kenyon handed her old rival Miami a 22-17 defeat at Oxford. Miami started the score by getting a five-to-nothing lead, but as soon as the Gambier basketekers hit their stride they easily overtook the lead from the big Red and White quintet and kept it for the remainder of the game. Kenyon played good enough basketball to keep ahead, but had a team far superior to Miami and should have piled up a large score.

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Troops grumble. They all do. As soon as they stop, mutiny is apt to be imminent. Unless there is some small vent for their murmurings they will burst forth in time in a great roar. College men are no different. They have a few more mental trials than their martial brethren, yet are much like them. We must have something about which to whine or we are not happy. This, however, offers no problem. The supply of things we would change is inexhaustible. At Kenyon no small proportion of this diatribe is directed toward the institution of compulsory daily chapel.

Anything that looks like a direct and maliciously conspired plot to roll men from the scaffold at seven o'clock in the morning is frowned upon with gusto. The cultural value of the service, which is impressed upon us from time to time, seems to be trivial in the minds of the undergraduates in comparison with those choice hours when slumber is most insistent. This, the writer believes, is only amusing, since we do not doubt the value of chapel.

However, there is a limit to everything, even to value. We are of the opinion that this chapel business is a bit overdone. Why should it be necessary for us to go during examination periods? Let us be charitable. Grant that it has inestimable worth, both as a cultural and disciplinary agent. There is, no doubt, training in moral stability consequential to having to attend until the end of the semester. But is there reason to believe that the psychological effect would be altered if the end were moved up a day or so? Is it not within reason to suppose that quite as much refinement has been attained by January 27th as would be acquired a week later?

This sheet does not wish to appear reactionary. We merely try to reflect herein the verbal utterances of the campus.

THE AMERICAMPUS

The progress in methods of education demonstrated at Kenyon in the employment of Intelligence tests and compulsory Daily Chapel as modern instruments appears to be moving at but a snail's pace as compared with that exhibited at the University of Kentucky. The official organ of that institution says, "The authorities look with favor upon a class of senior engineers organized into a cross-word puzzle class. A broadening of vocabulary and a better knowledge of spelling are the aims of the course."

The "Black and Magenta" of Muskingum College reports the following: "Three prominent Junior men are dormed this week because they entered the new Boys' Dormitory with muddy galoshes." The punishment doubtless fits the crime, since both crime and penalty bear the stamp of the Co-ed.

Unique evidence in favor of the sagacity of the adolescent and of his ability to solve weighty problems is embraced in the following: "A recent questionnaire at Baylor University showed that out of 67 students who voted their likes and dislikes of 20 specified items, 17 declared divorce by mutual consent to be uplifting against 11 who said it was the worst thing that could happen to the nation." This may have been a kind of intelligence test. In that event the authorities attained a fruition, since a distinct I. Q. was registered. However, the questionnaire may have been provoked by, "To arrive at the truth of a question, take a vote on it."

The question of wedlock and its consequences seems to hold the forum of interest at Baylor since from the same instrument we learn that "if students choose to enter the state of matrimony during the college year, they are forced by a decree of the faculty to spend a year's honeymoon away from the college."

Wellesley attempts to solace the lovelorn on its campus by including in its curriculum a course on "Love and Marriage."

Evidence of the influence of Neoplatonism (or perhaps the third glad book by Harriet Lummis Smith entitled "Pollyanna of the Orange Blossoms") is reflected by the following from the Green and White of Ohio University: "All things work together for good. We should even be thankful for difficulties, which attacked in that feeling will more quickly disappear."

Comparable to the profound theory of an eminent economist that the diversion of spending one's salary hinders his earning capacity, is the follow-

ing equally profound observation by a professor at the University of California. "Constant worry over frequent exams hinders a student from getting the most out of his studies."

The unbecoming conduct of the Kenyon football team at Reserve last fall is mildly but justly criticized by their publication. "By defeating Kenyon 13 to 3 the Red and White successfully survived one of the hardest battles, and we mean battles, of the season. We read in the papers that Kenyon may be dropped because of the difficulty encountered in getting to Gambier. That's not the reason it should be dropped. The Purple and White crew seemed to think that when their rooters yelled, 'Fight, team,' that that was to be taken literally."

This jilted lambkin on the campus of Ohio Wesleyan, would deprive pulchritude of the most important means of protection legitimately employed by femininity the world over. "Women kick because only a select few are dated for group social functions. Some day they may learn that such things as faked excuses are the causes of dateless snight and lonely years of OLD MAIDHOOD. The select few are those who tell the TRUTH."

In view of the large sums of money devoted to athletics lately and the total lack of encouragement and support for theatrical productions at Kenyon, the following items from the Akron Buchtelite point out an obvious incongruity: "An organization of the same type as the Kenyon 'Puff and Powder Club' was effected, etc. . . . The club has obtained the services of Melyne Latta to write a new musical show . . . While attending Kenyon college he wrote and coached the plays which the 'Puff and Powder' club has given during the past four years . . . Akron University may, in the future, have a musical organization similar to the far famed 'Puff and Powder Club.' Further on we read from the same issue: "In the future, provided a strong team is scheduled, the Thanksgiving Day game should be the sporting 'Classique' of the season."

The following from the Ohio Wesleyan Transcript is worthy of the matrimonial bureau conducted by the Boxing Blade, a pink sheet of questionable fame: "The oracle's date bureau is getting along splendidly. Through its influence a number of perfectly lovely girls have been given the opportunity to meet the right kind of men. By the right kind of men, we mean the kind who don't smoke, drink, chew anything but chewing gum, and have no bad habits whatsoever. Our supply of them is inexhaustible. However, there

FURTIVE PEEPS FROM THE CYCLONE CELLAR

Co-incident with approach of that dire season, examination time, the office of the treasurer reports—or should report—a rushing business in textbooks. We infer from this that the student body is becoming curious about these so-called courses.

We advocate early preparations for the resumption of work on what we were once led to believe would turn out eventually to be tennis courts. We allude to the morass directly in the rear of "Old Kenyon Hall." It so happens that, besides being unfit for anything save rueful contemplation, this bog impedes our progress to and from the daily trains. Many, lured on by the catalogue, succumbed to what can only be referred to at this juncture as a hoax, and included tennis racquets in the paraphernalia with which they assailed these collegiate halls. To be sure, these have proved of inestimable value as a means of combating the hordes of June-bugs that yearly assail our screenless rooms during the warmer months. However, we do not think it too much to ask that we be enabled to employ these implements in the manner for which they were originally intended; i. e., playing tennis. It has been suggested that the exercise thus afforded those not stalwart enough to come under the athletic regime of Coach Wiper, might be—to a certain extent—beneficial. B & B

—SUPPORT THE DANCE—

National sale computations for the 1924 football season show that the University of Michigan played before the greatest number of fans in the country. More than 341,000 saw the Wolverines in action. The University of Pennsylvania was second, playing to 326,000 spectators.

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has been some complaint about the morals of some of the girls that have been accommodated by these dates, and hereafter all girls making application for a date will be required to fill out a questionnaire as to her morals. One girl was actually reported to have smoked in the company of a man the other evening."

In the columns of the Mount Union Dynamo came the announcement that football rallies are no longer to be held in the chapel. Kenyon is not so progressive. We still employ this "subordinate place of worship" (Webster) for our matriculation exercises.

Such errors as this one clipped from the Denisonian are frequent in all college publications; some of them are the fault of the printer. "Bill Owens received the place of center on Read's team and which was picked as the brainiest eleven players in the Ohio loop."

THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON

By DR. LACY LOCKERT

As a spectacle, football in 1924 may be said to have enjoyed its greatest season. Never have crowds swelled to such totals, and save at the very last the weather was almost uniformly good. As regards caliber of play, however, comparisons with the past are less satisfactory. Neither teams nor (with few exceptions) individuals of extraordinary prowess have been exhibited in the campaign just ended.

Play has continued to develop along the same lines as last year. The forwards, especially the guards, who have most excelled have been men of only moderate weight, but fast and active in coming out of the line to form a swinging interference. The backfields have run to specialization, with one man a good ball-carrier, another a good interferer, another a defensive star. Exceptions to this rule were the brilliant all-around players who made up the backfields of Dartmouth and Notre Dame, the latter quartet being probably the finest collectively in the history of the sport. The strength of Southern teams has been a notable feature of the season. Vanderbilt beat Minnesota, L. S. U. beat Indiana, Georgia Tech beat Penn State (rather flukily); Georgia, Florida, and Centre held Yale, West Point, and West Virginia to very close scores. Alabama, though decisively whipped by Centre in a fit of staidness, was much the strongest team in the South; it would have been interesting to see her play a Northern antagonist of the first rank.

In football as played to-day, the eleven that makes an especial effort one week will slump sharply the next Saturday; or, if the tension is maintained for two successive weeks, a longer, worse decline will follow. Hence the many so-called "upsets," which are really the most inevitable of consequences. There are no exceptions to this rule, not even in the case of undefeated teams. If Notre Dame, Dartmouth, Yale, Pennsylvania, and Chicago came through the season undefeated, it was because their let-downs fortunately occurred against weak antagonists, which even under these conditions they could defeat or tie.

Any attempt, therefore at ranking teams must consider both the climactic strength achieved and the length of time this was maintained, with due regard to the purpose and objective of each squad's development. Scores must be scanned intelligently, and with consideration given to caliber of opponents and to circumstances. The absolutely worst method of rating in the world is by percentage of games won and lost. Its reductio ad absurdum is seen this year when sporting writers brought up on baseball methods of ranking assign the Western Conference Championship to Chicago, a team

that indeed lost to no one in the Conference (but did to Missouri) and on the other hand beat no good team, for she played only one really good team and was tied by that one at far from its best form and also by two inferior teams! And it is safe to say that Wisconsin, who beat no Conference foe, would have some victories to her credit had she played such elevens as Chicago won from. The percentage method would be of value only in a group of teams that played a complete "round robin" against each other. Used indiscriminately as at present, it puts a premium on playing the easiest possible schedule,

Notre Dame, with an unbroken string of victories over a long list of sturdy and representative opponents, most of whom she toyed with yet overwhelmed, qualifies for the national championship. Yale or Illinois on their respective supreme days could possibly have defeated the Rockne outfit; but Notre Dame was good early, late, and always, and as she played at her best against Nebraska, might well have beaten anybody any time. She was perhaps never so good as the Yale or Cornell elevens of a year ago, but the honors of the present season are clearly hers. Closely grouped at her heels follow Dartmouth, Yale, and Pennsyl-

vania. Yale was tied by Dartmouth and also by West Point, and had rather the worst of both encounters; Pennsylvania was tied by Penn State. Dartmouth showed the best offense and the weakest defense of the three; Pennsylvania the weakest offense and the best defense; Yale was the best balanced and at the end of the season was probably the strongest; Dartmouth's record was the most consistently good. Up to this point the ranking is hardly open to question; beyond it lies the region of opinion and controversy.

Yet I believe that the thread of logic

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FIRST ASSEMBLY OF THE NEW YEAR

The January Assembly was characterized by a brevity we hope will be typical of 1925 assemblies. Mr. Wade in behalf of the Senior Council proposed an amendment to the Constitution to the effect that all sweaters awarded by the Kenyon Athletic Association should be white except in the case of Seniors, who should have an option between black and white. Mr. Wade announced a dance from 8 to 12 o'clock on January 17th for the benefit of the Senior Class. The freshman class was reproved for violating an old Kenyon tradition by leaving the Commons before the Seniors did at Sunday dinner. Mr. E. H. Brown announced that Dr. Oakley would deliver a lecture at 8 o'clock on January 21 on the subject "Sexual Psychology" under the auspices of the Science Club.

—SUPPORT THE DANCE—

MIDDLE LEONARD PARLOR

The new parlor in Middle Leonard was opened for the first time Sunday, Dec. 14, with an informal Christmas party. Designed to represent the Old English type of architecture, the parlor is long and low, with a smoke colored ceiling to match the dark-stained panelled walls. The mantelpiece in the center was carved in England from solid oak blocks, and above it, in carved panelling, is a small fraternity crest polished in various colors. The fire bench extends in each direction, to end with hand-hewn gargoyles. Cozy window seats and book-cases are placed at regular intervals along the walls, and old English chandeliers hang at each end of the room. With new-period furniture and tapestry-covered alcoves, the parlor will be a credit to the art of its designer, Middle Leonard is occupied by the Delta Tau Delta Fraternity.

THE PAST FOOTBALL SEASON

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will still guide us for some distance amid the seeming chaos. Had Illinois been keyed up to a less extreme yet still sufficient superiority over her early-season opponents, she would probably have swept the Conference field; her normal, average strength was surely greater than that of any of her rivals. And next among Mid-Western teams should stand Iowa, beaten only by Illinois and then, though very badly, under exceptional circumstances. Her record against all other elevens is distinctly better than Chicago's, who indeed appears no stronger than Michigan if all lines of comparison are used and not their games against erratic Illinois alone.

In the East, after Dartmouth, Yale, and Pennsylvania, there is no question that West Point takes rank—beaten only by Notre Dame, and the upper and under dog respectively in drawn

battles with Yale and Columbia. And then comes a group of teams, each of which at some time in the season climbed briefly to a peak of prowess unsurpassed and then slipped back: Rutgers, Lafayette, and Princeton. West Virginia was scarcely less impressive at her best, and Syracuse follows, with Columbia close behind; for the winning record of Syracuse is not very lustrous when investigated, and Columbia, though outplaying both Syracuse and West Point, seemed unable to realize on her potentialities.

On the whole, then, the following would seem to be the fairest ranking:

1, Notre Dame. 2, 3, and 4, Dartmouth, Yale, and Pennsylvania. 5 Illinois. 6, West Point. 7, 8, 9, and 10, Iowa, Rutgers, Lafayette, and Princeton. 11, 12, and 13, Chicago, Michigan, and West Virginia. 14, Syracuse. 15, Columbia.

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MY VISIT TO AMERICA

Lord Kenyon Relates His Experiences
The Kenyon College Centennial

In response to our request for some account of his visit to the United States to take part in the centennial of Kenyon College, founded largely through the instrumentality of his great grandfather, Lord Kenyon has been good enough to send us the following for publication:

One hundred years ago last October a certain Bishop Philander Chase, Bishop of Ohio, being anxious to found a college in that State, and failing to obtain sufficient support in America, came to England. He was backed up by a letter from the Hon. Henry Clay, Speaker of the House of Representatives of the United States, addressed to Lord Gambier. Henry Clay, also wrote to a Mr. Marriott, who was a great personal friend of the then Lord Kenyon, my great-grandfather, with the result that Mr. Marriott arranged a meeting at his house in London of various people who, he thought, might help Bishop Chase in his undertaking. Lord Kenyon became chairman of the Bishop's committee in England, and after nine months Bishop Chase was able to return to America with some £9,000 or £10,000 collected in this country. At the back of the good Bishop's mind, besides a college for the higher instruction of the youth of Ohio, was the desire to establish a seminary for young men wishing to enter the ministry of the Episcopal Church. Ohio, it should be remembered, at that time was as far west as civilization had spread and indeed among Bishop Chase's flock were many Indians. The fund he had raised was used to purchase 4,000 acres of land, which increasing in value some 300 acres being kept for college purposes, and in a short time the College received its charter, dated December, 1824. In honour of their English chairman, the college was called Kenyon College, and the village, now its post town, was named Gambier, after Lord Gambier, an old sailor who like my father was a strong supporter of the Protestant Church. In the course of time, after many vicissitudes, much money was collected and endowments raised, lecture halls, dormitories, a chapel, laboratories and other buildings were built and June of this year saw the celebration of its centennial.

A very pressing invitation was sent to myself and any other members of my family, who could manage to attend the celebration, and in consequence, on June 4th, Colonel Frank, Mrs. Kenyon-Stanley and I, sailed on the Olympic, bound for America. I had already had the opportunity of meeting Dr. William Peirce, the head of the College—called in America the President—and indeed had received from the College the degree of L. L. D. On previous occasions, too, I had had some correspondence with the College, so that its condition and its prosperity were not unknown to me.

An Extraordinary Welcome

An extraordinary welcome was accorded me. American Colleges and Universities, by means of old students, who form alumni associations in every city, keep in touch in a wonderful way with their students throughout their lives. Old students told me that, if they can help it, they never miss Commencement, which corresponds to the annual degree day or Commemoration of our Colleges. In New York we were met by Mr. Earl Babst, President of the New York Alumni Association, President of the American Sugar Refinery—an immense industry. He and others saw to our comfort and passed us on to Cleveland, where we were the guests of Mr. Samuel Mather, a very generous benefactor of Kenyon

College. Here we had the opportunity of attending the Republican Convention and heard Dr. Marion Burton propose Mr. Coolidge as the representative of the party for the Presidency. It was a wonderful effort to speak, as he did, about the excellent merits of one man for over fifty minutes, for the qualities of Mr. Coolidge, excellent and sensible man as he is, are not of a striking nature. After the proposal had been duly seconded, brass bands struck up, beginning with "Onward Christian Soldiers," followed by "John Brown's Body," and the delegates marched round and round the hall for twenty minutes or half an hour. There was no opposition, a very different state of things to what took place in New York some fortnight later, where over a hundred ballots had to be taken before the Democrats fixed upon their representative. American politics are very difficult to understand. There are Conservatives and Liberals in both parties, so that Republican and Democrat do not denote any hard and fast line, but rather two great sections of the community. So far Labour makes little or no showing owing no doubt to the high rate of wages and good standard of living generally, and assisted by the good feeling that exists between capital and labour who realize that each is necessary to the other, while the Unions find something better to do than organize strikes.

Kenyon College

From Cleveland we attended the Kenyon Centennial, which comprised a pageant, centennial exercises (in other words speeches), the bestowal of honorary degrees, luncheons, dinners, concerts, sing-songs by the students, and dance and other events, all held amidst the most beautiful surroundings. Gambier is entirely a rural district encircled by lovely woods. The buildings of Kenyon College are fine and entirely adequate for the number of students—about 250—which it is not intended greatly to increase. The whole tone of the place is friendly, cheerful and most invigorating, and a delightful four days, only tempered by having to address various gatherings in various places, came to an end on June 18th. The final note struck on the last evening was the announcement of the gift of a new Science Building to be erected without regard as to cost.

A feature of American Colleges is the number of Fraternities they possess. Eight of these exist at Kenyon. They are all called by Greek letters the initials of a motto which the Fraternity bears. After leaving College a member of the Fraternity finds friends wherever he goes among members of the same Fraternity from his own and other Colleges in the town in which he may take up his residence—a sort of Freemasonry—decidedly beneficial to the members of the Fraternities. I had the honour to be asked to two of their gatherings and was initiated as an honorary member of each of them.

As to games and sport, football is keenly played and instead of cricket the national ball game—baseball; I confess I think cricket is the better game.

At Chicago

From Gambier a short journey took me to Chicago, where I was the guest of Colonel Junkin, an enthusiastic graduate of Kenyon, and his wife. I was much interested in the splendid Field Natural History Museum, built by Mr. Marshall Field, the Director of which, curiously enough, is Mr. D. C. Davies, brother of the Principal of Aberystwyth College. Chicago is the second largest city in the States and is increasing at an alarming rate. Buildings occupied as residences are being swallowed up every day to become shops and business premises. The city marches along the shores of Lake Michigan at a tremendous rate. Here, as elsewhere, a feature of the city are the beautiful parks left

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MY VISIT TO AMERICA

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largely in their natural state and not disfigured by the iron fences which are so conspicuous in ours. In fact, fences appear to be rare in the States and most villas and residences have their gardens open to the road, the lawns running right down to the sidewalks.

The University at Chicago is a magnificent building and has, I believe, some 10,000 students, including a large number of women, and they are splendidly housed. The Art Museum has some fine pictures, all without exception given by private individuals.

After two days at Chicago I left for Pittsburgh, where I had the opportunity of seeing the By-Products plant of the American Steel Corporation, better known to us perhaps as the foundation of the late Mr. Carnegie's fortune. Here coal is reduced to its components, with the result that there is absolutely no waste. Coke, tar, sulphate of ammonia, benzol, etc., are manufactured with extraordinarily little manual labour.

My cousin rejoined me at Pittsburgh and we were entertained at dinner at a new Golf Club, followed by a dance—a good preparation for a night's journey to Washington, which we reached on the morning of June 23rd to find it 94 degrees in the shade, and a very damp heat at that. We drove out to Mount Vernon, the home of Washington. It is a beautiful spot with a nice house after the style of an old English Manor House. A visit to President Coolidge, who was friendly and agreeable, occupied the afternoon.

Lovely Washington

Washington is a lovely city planned on great lines. Its avenues, converging on various centres, are each planted with different trees. The new Lincoln Memorial, like a great Greek temple, at the end of an oblong lake, the Washington Obelisk and the wonderful Capitol all in line, make a very striking view. At night the dome of the Capitol is illuminated by search lights. I must mention Rock Creek Park, which is delightful. It extends for several miles and is quite wild, as nature left it. A small river which runs through the park is not even bridged, so that cars have to ford the stream whenever it is necessary to cross it. The citizens are encouraged to camp in the Park, and yet I saw no trace of refuse, paper or other debris to show that anyone had not respected their camping ground.

The English Speaking Union

The English Speaking Union, which has a much greater influence in America than on our side of the Atlantic, entertained us to luncheon at a very representative gathering and we afterwards left for Philadelphia, an older city than Washington and chiefly interesting, apart from its commercial aspect, on account of its Independence Hall, an old Georgian brick building formerly the seat of government. Hence we returned to New York, where again we were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Babst. Entertainments by the Rockefeller Trust, the English Speaking Union and other bodies followed, and a pleasant visit came to a close when we embarked on the Majestic on June 28th. This account would not be complete without a word about these great ships—the Majestic 56,000 tons and the Olympic 46,000 tons. The Olympic, built at Harland and Wolff's, is a splendid floating hotel, so steady that I was able to play squash racquets every day on board, despite the fact that on one day a gale was recorded on the day's log. The Majestic—built in Germany—though bigger and faster than the Olympic—was not quite so attractive a ship. Perhaps the fact that, while

the Olympic only had 250 first class passengers, the Majestic had 850, and altogether 3,200 souls on board, had something to do with this opinion.

England in America

Looking back at the visit, I cannot help being struck by the great anxiety displayed to welcome us as English visitors to America and to make us feel as thoroughly at home as it was possible to do. Americans like us have their difficult problems, and when one hears that America is not friendly to England I feel that it is perfectly impossible to make such an assertion with truth as to America as a whole. A people composed of men and women of all nations cannot all be friendly to us at the same moment; but England does possess in the United States a very large and very friendly band of well-wishers, many of whom expressed to me their regret that our debt to them had not been allowed to stand over for a longer period than was the case, and without interest. I cannot help feeling that, whatever the League of Nations may bring about, the union of the English speaking peoples, without binding treaty or written document, is a far greater asset for the peace of the world. In the States despite the many races—Germans, Italians, Slavs, Spaniards and other—the English language predominates and English ideas will increase and flourish. In many ways, of course, there are differences. The first aim and object of an American citizen appears to be his business. Politics and the government of the country are left to lawyers and professional politicians with the result that the real feeling of the nation does not always get truly reflected.

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CHOIR MAKES TWO TRIPS

This program was practically repeated on December 7th, when the Choir sang the Sunday afternoon service at St. Paul's Church in Newark. It was the first time that Newark had ever extended an invitation to the Kenyon Choir, and every foot of aisle space in the Church was occupied. Rumor has it that many of the large congregation came in the expectation of hearing Christmas carols, but we personally think that the novelty of seeing Kenyon men in church was the drawing factor. Whatever brought the people there, apparently they went home satisfied. A delicious supper was served by the young people's organization of the Church, accompanied by the customary Kenyon singing.

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Three new men have definitely completed arrangements for entering Bexley Hall in January. Although the Hall is filled to capacity, room will be provided for these men, possibly in the village. One of them is from the University of Illinois, another is from Albion College, and the third has studied both in the University of Chicago and Harvard.

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